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SUBJECT: OPENING OF VIETNAMESE PHOTO EXHIBITION

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTELS I ATTENDED OPENING OF EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY SRV EMBASSY AND LAO/VIETNAMESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 1, WHICH WAS PART OF CELEBRATION OF VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY SEPTEMBER 2. EXHIBITION OF VIETNAMESE FILMS WILL CONTINUE FOR ONE WEEK. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS A RECEPTION TODAY, SEPTEMBER 2, TO WHICH I HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTER SOUK VONGSAK, PRESIDENT OF THE LAO-VIETNAMESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, OPENED THE CEREMONY WITH A SPEECH PRAISING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE ACHIEVED AFTER

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THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF VIETNAM. HE PRAISED THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FOR HAVING, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE "GLORIOUS COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIET NAM", DEFINITELY CHASED ALL IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS FROM ITS TERRITORY AND LATER REFERRED TO THE VIETNAMESE STRUGGLE AS A "GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE PEOPLES FIGHTING AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM FOR PEACE,

NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS."
HE MADE NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. HE DESCRIBED THE LAO PEOPLE AS A "FAITHFUL COMRADE
IN ARMS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE" AND DESCRIBED THE
EXPLOITS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AS A "FINE EXAMPLE
AND POWERFUL STIMULUS FOR THE LAO PEOPLE IN THEIR TASK
OF SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION AND CONSTRUCTION AT THE
PRESENT STAGE." HE RECALLED THE JULY LE DUAN/PHAM VAN
DONG VISIT AND THE "TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION"
AND THE TREATY ON FRONTIER DELIMITATION SIGNED AT THAT
TIME. HE REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL, SOLID AND CONSTANT
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN VIET NAM AND LAOS.

4. THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR REPLIED WITH A VERY SHORT
SPEECH EXTOLLING LAO/VIETNAMESE FRIENDSHIP AND THE
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE MADE
NO REFERENCE, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. THE PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED COVERED DAYSONE'S VISIT
TO HANOI, THE LE DUAN/PHAM VAN DONG VISIT TO VIENTIANE,
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BACH MAI HOSPITAL AND VIEWS OF
THE BAIE D'ALONG, THE PETIT LAC IN HANOI, AND SCENES
OF AGRICULTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

6. COMMENT: CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL CABINET
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AND SUB-CABINET OFFICIALS, A SPRINKLING OF LAO CADRES
AND MEMBERS OF THE VIENTIANE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY, AND
THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND WAS SIMPLY ANOTHER PUBLIC
EXPRESSION OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES.
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